



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	HB0418	Title:	Authorize investor owned livestock slaughter and processing plants
Primary Sponsor:	Butcher, Edward B	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. There are no horse slaughter facilities in Montana and very little market for horse meat products. If such a facility was built, the market for horse meat products would be foreign exports subject to USDA inspection. The Montana Department of Livestock would not be impacted fiscally.

Technical Notes:

1. Sections 5 and 6 are unnecessary and create ambiguity. The purpose of the bill is to prohibit injunctions in challenges to equine slaughter facility permits. Sections 5 and 6 are existing statutes that authorize the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to seek injunctions to prevent violation of the water quality act and permits. They do not apply to permit challenges or appeals. Therefore, it is unnecessary to amend sections 5 and 6 to provide that injunctions may be sought "except as provided in section 1". Inclusion of this language in sections 5 and 6 could be interpreted as preventing the DEQ from seeking an injunction to prohibit an equine slaughter facility from violating its permit.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date